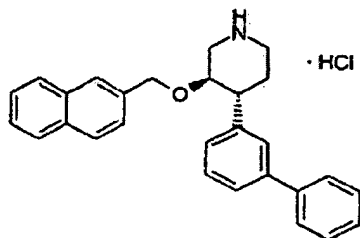


In response to the species election requirements set forth in paragraph 5 on page 5 of the Office Action, Applicants make the following elections:

1. The compound of Example 1 of the specification (page 38), which has the following structure:



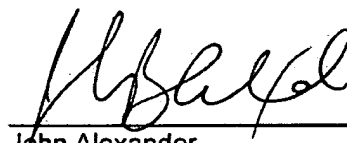
; and

2. Hypertension from the list of diseases in Claim 20.

Applicants election of the compound of Example 1 reads on claims 1-6, 10-12 and 14-16.

Applicants request rejoinder of the method claims of commensurate scope to the composition of matter claims upon allowance of claims directed to the elected invention, e.g., Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the subject matter corresponding to Groups V upon allowance of the claims embodying the elected invention.

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